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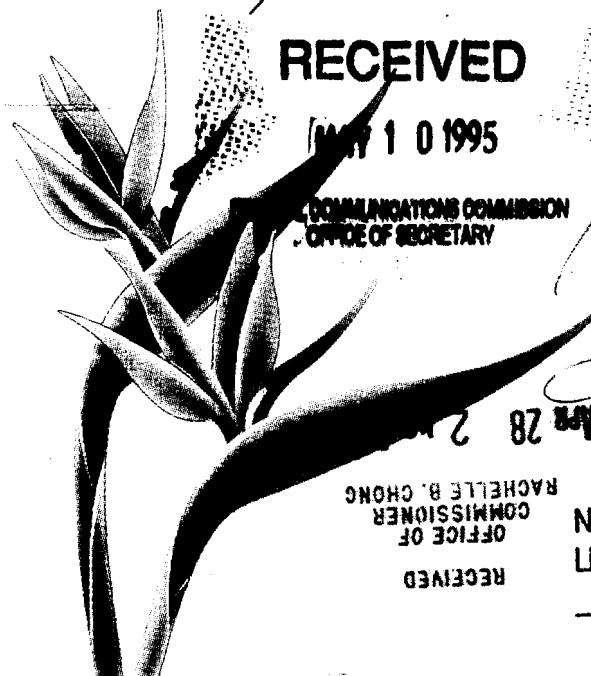
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I am particularly troubled by recent reports that the FCC may allow broadcasters to "trade away" their programming obligations to children. I urge you to strengthen the rules for the Children's Television Act. I want your leadership to in preserving educational programming for children & urge you to support stronger rules for the Act.

Thank You,

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Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I understand the FCC is in the process of drafting a notice of proposed rule making in regards to the Children's Television Act of 1990.

You received many proposal options during the June, 1994, FCC hearings. I urge you to consider the children, who will be tomorrows leaders, when you consider the rules you will propose. Children need our protection and special consideration.

The FCC needs to strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act by establishing real policies designed to safeguard the interests of our children. These should include a clearer definition of "educational" programming and a requirement that television stations air at least one hour a day of 30-minute educational shows between 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. in regularly scheduled time slots. These programs should be new programs not repeats of programs already available that might fall into this category.

You can help to contribute to a better future for our children by requiring broadcasters and producers to be more responsible in their programming and provide new "educational" programming for our young people.

Sincerely,

Meredith Gross

Meredith Gross, Chairman
NDAFCE Children and Television Project

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

Please continue to strengthen the rules for the Children's
Television Act.

Your leadership is needed in preserving educational programming
for children and we urge you to support stronger rules for the Act.
We have 14 grandchildren and realize it is up to the parents to
monitor their TV viewing, but good educational programs are a
heritage we have enjoyed since the start of television and we
are working to see that it continues. We are also working to
change the violence in TV programs during the hours children are
most likely viewing television.

If we don't offer them quality educational programs, how can they
enjoy the benefits of the Children's Television Act.

Thank you for your cooperation in strengthening these rules.

Yours very truly,

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The Hon. Rachelle Chong, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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April 18, 1995

I am strongly opposed to HR963, the proposal to delicense the G.M.R.S. for a "Family Radio Service". In my estimation this should be more properly called a proposal for a "Free-For-All Radio Service."

We don't need more airwave anarchy. We don't want another CB-type jungle. I have been a licensed G.M.R.S. user (KAB5295) for over 15 years, using the radio daily. I am acquainted with approximately two hundred G.M.R.S. licensees. Together we have made a continuous effort to maintain a useful radio service over the years. Because we are licensed - and identify with our call signs - there exists a discipline that prevents anarchy.

The most dangerous aspect of HR963 is the threat of harmful interference to existing licensed repeaters. The potential misuse by unlicensed untraceable users would trash the frequency. This could happen regardless of the "low power" operation of the unlicensed radios and regardless of possible "engineering" studies by proponents of the proposal who only seek to promote their new products.

Is there a place for a "Family Radio Service"? Perhaps, in another frequency area. I propose a change in Section 307(e) of the Communications Act of 1934:

"(e) (1) Notwithstanding any license requirement established in this Act, if the Commission determines that such authorization serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity, the Commission may by rule authorize the operation of radio stations without individual licenses in the following radio services: (A) the personal radio services EXCEPT FOR THE GENERAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE AND ANY OTHER RADIO SERVICE UTILIZING ANY SPECTRUM CURRENTLY ALLOCATED TO THE GENERAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE."

I protest this proposal as currently written. Prevent anarchy on G.M.R.S.! Allow any new unlicensed operation in another (appropriate) frequency range!

Please acknowledge. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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April 25, 1995

Commissioner Rachelle Chong
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Ms. Chong:

For my grandson, Steven, and all his peers, I request that you strengthen the rules for the Children's Television Act. Commercial television does not provide adequate educational programming for any generation but mostly the young. Public television does a great job as far as it can go, but I'm sure funding in the future will be slashed dramatically and I would like to insure education as well as entertainment for our nation's future leaders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. Christy J. Gorski

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Commissioner Chong.

*Please strengthen the rules
for Children's T.V. Act. We need you
to support stronger rules for the
act. The nation is in trouble
& it doesn't help when our children
are seeing the wrong type of programs.*

Thanks

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

We the 39-er's Family and Community Education Organization are writing to urge you to strengthen the guidelines for the Children's Television Act.

As parents and grandparents we are concerned about the increase in sensationalistic talk shows, violent cartoons, and adult sitcoms that are readily accessible to young children. These programs introduce a child to a world of violence, immorality, and dissatisfaction.

We know that broadcasters have the talent to create children's shows which are educational as well as entertaining. Broadcast television can play an unprecedented role in nourishing the minds of our nation's children. The 1974 FCC Policy states, "There are many imaginative and exciting ways in which the medium can be used to further a child's understanding of a wide range of areas: history, science, literature, the environment, drama, music, fine arts, human relations, other cultures and languages, and basic skills such as reading and mathematics which are crucial to a child's development."

The FCC needs to strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act by establishing strict policies designed to safeguard the interests of our children. These should include a clear cut definition of "educational" programing and a requirement that TV stations air at least one hour a day of 30-minute educational shows between 7 am and 10 pm in regularly scheduled time slots.

No other regulatory body is in a position to make this happen. Please ... America's children are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am writing about the Television Act of 1990. There is a need to strength the guidelines of the Act in order to provide more educational and informational programs to children.

I am a member of the National Association for Family and Community Education, a volunteer organization that has been working to improve television programming for children. I am Missouri's State Chairman for Children and TV and I have four children of my own. Children are very important to me and they are our country's future.

We know that broadcasters have the talent to create children's shows which are as educational as they are entertaining. Yet, today's children have greater access to sensationalistic talk shows, violent cartoons, and adult sitcoms than they do to programming designed to enrich their minds.

The FCC needs to strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act by establishing real policies designed to safeguard the interests of our children. These should include a clearer definition of "educational" programming and a requirement that television stations air at least one hour a day of 30-minute educational shows between 7 a.m.-10 p.m. in regularly scheduled time slots.

Sincerely,

Myrna Franke
MAFCE Children & TV Chairman



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The Honorable Rachelle Chong
Member
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Rachelle Chong,

In 1990 the Children's Television Act of 1990 was enacted.
In our area the Law is being ignored.

In your position as a member of the Federal Communication Commission I ask that the FCC strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act by establishing real policies designed to safeguard the interests of our children. These policies need to include a clear definition of educational programming and a requirement that television stations air at least one hour a day of 30 minute educational shows between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. in regularly scheduled time slots.

Yours is the only regulatory body that can make this happen. Please...our children are our future. They are counting on you.

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RE: Rules for the Children's Television Act

Dear Commissioner Chong:

I urge you to strengthen the rules for the Children's Television Act to prevent commercial television broadcasters from classifying cartoon programs such as The Jetsons and reruns of Leave It to Beaver as educational children's programming. Although I am a fan of The Jetsons (and other "classic" cartoons), I do not think commercial television broadcasters should be able to satisfy their obligation to air educational children's programming by claiming such programs are educational.

I also support continued federal funding for public television (and public radio), the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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